



President's Office

Victoria College
Toronto, Canada

February 26th, 1925.

J.J. Vaughan, Esq.,
190 Yonge Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

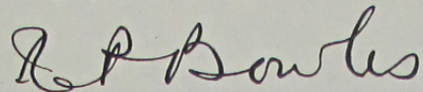
The Committee of the Senate of the University met yesterday. I was present as a member of the Committee and the proposal with respect to the Margaret Eaton School was the business in hand. The financial side of the matter belongs to the Board of the University, and is being considered by a Committee appointed for that purpose I believe. What the Committee which met yesterday had to do was to pronounce upon the suitability from an educational point of view of such an institution in the University. The judgment of the Committee was that there was no reason why such work should not be done in the University, and the suggestion of the Committee was that the relation in which the Toronto Conservatory of Music now stands to the University would furnish a model for the Margaret Eaton School also. It may be stated, therefore, that the academic or educational side of the University has pronounced in favor of the project. The other side of the proposition is now in the hands of the Committee, of which I am not a member, and either

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directly, or through me, you or Mr.R.Y.Eaton will I expect soon hear the result.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.P. Bowles". The letters are fluidly connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

President.

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January 16th, 1925.

Extract of letter from Mr. Vaughan to Lady Eaton.

We also cabled you with respect to the Margaret Eaton School. It has reached a time when a decision will have to be made as to the future of the School, i.e. whether or not it will be continued and how. Mrs. Eaton, as you know, is not willing to put capital into a new building nor to set aside a fund to provide for any deficits that there may be in the future. Some discussions took place with the University Authorities in past years on the question of affiliation but nothing definite materialized. The University up until quite recently has asked for a building and an endowment to cover possible losses. I spoke to you before leaving about the Company contributing an amount of about one half the cost of the building in order that the School and the name might be perpetuated after its seventeen years of existence. While the University would not agree to this we were told that the Governors of the University looked with favor upon the establishment of a School of Expression in connection with the University, and that if a building were provided there was the likelihood of the University providing the land and assuming further obligations.

Mr. Sparrow, as stated in the cable, resigned and that brought the matter up for attention. While The T. Eaton Co. Directors as a Board have had nothing to do with The Margaret Eaton School it was thought proper to bring the position to their notice so that they might express their views as to whether on account of Mrs. Eaton, the Company should aid in the continuance of the School. The Directors present were unanimous in the view that it would be fitting to provide a building which, as well as in consideration of Mrs. Eaton, would be in the furtherance of education. The cost of the building has been estimated by Prof. Greaves at \$200,000.

The Holiday season has intervened since and while the whole question is up for consideration by the University, it has not been dealt with as yet.

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Extract from Minutes of Directors' Meeting, December 13th, 1924:

Present: Messrs. H. McGee (Chairman), C. Boothe, W. G. Dean,
R. W. Eaton, J. J. Vaughan, C. N. Mills and G. T. Wolfe.

THE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL
OF LITERATURE AND EXPRESSION

On account of the present state of affairs of
The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression, the
question of affiliating it with The University of Toronto was
discussed. All present were in favor of doing so. It was
mentioned that in order to accomplish this the Company would
have to provide a building or a subscription for a building of
about \$250,000. provided that satisfactory arrangements can be
made as to the continuation of the name, etc.

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December Thirteenth,
Nineteen Twenty Four.

Mr. R. Y. Eaton,
New York.

Dear Mr. Eaton:-

Today the following cable was sent you
in reply to your cable saying you thought that the
University proposal should be considered, if not excessive:

"Directors here unanimously favor providing
Building subject satisfactory arrangements."

Mr. McGee called a meeting of Directors
and the whole situation from the time of Mrs. Nasrith's
resignation was explained and they were unanimously in
favor of providing a building or a subscription for a
building, subject of course to satisfactory arrangements
being made as to site, name of school, and any conditions
that may be deemed necessary.

As we thought it advisable to continue for
the balance of the School year we consulted Mrs. Eaton
and Mrs. Burnside and they were agreeable to Miss Ross
being appointed Acting Principal

We had a discussion with Miss Ross as to
teachers to take the subjects taught by Mr. Sparrow and

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she has arranged for Professor Greaves for "Voice and Foundations", Mrs. Moore for "Dramatics" and Mr. Homing for Evening Classes. You know the first two and the last is Professor Greaves' Assistant whose teaching is principally in Public Speaking. I asked Miss Ross today if she thought the appointing of these teachers would satisfy the pupils and if the School would be in as strong a position. In reply to this Miss Ross said that she believed the pupils would be quite well satisfied, and gave her own opinion that this staff would make the School stronger and better on these subjects than ever before.

There is a function at the School on Monday at which the students will all be present. Mr. Sparrow will be taking this opportunity to announce his resignation and at the same time he will say that Miss Ross is succeeding him as Acting Principal and that the three teachers named will continue his work. We thought it advisable to make these announcements and the arrangements for teachers as quickly as possible so as to relieve any suspense that there may be at the School.

You mention in your letter that you presume while the registrations were down that expenses would be about the same. As a matter of fact, the expenses have

Mr. R. Y. Eaton.

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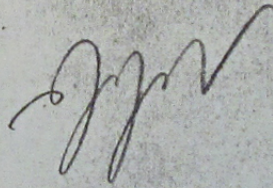
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also dropped considerably and Mr. Livingstone reports at the end of last year a credit of Nine Hundred and Thirty Dollars and this year a credit of Fourteen Dollars. This is, of course, without Mrs. Nasmith's salary included.

I am writing this to you at the Boat as I thought you would be anxious to know just what is being done in view of the School Term coming to an end.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Eaton have had a very pleasant trip across, and with best regards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. J. V.', written in a cursive style.

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November Twenty First,
Nineteen Twenty Four.

Chancellor R. P. Bowles,
Victoria College,
Queens Park,
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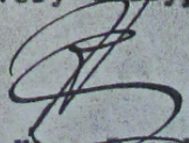
Dear Chancellor Bowles:-

Your letter of November 19th to Mr. Vaughan
has been received in his absence. Mr. Vaughan is out
of town until early next week.

We expect Mr. Eaton home in the course of a
week or two and think it would be much better to leave
the matter over until his return. We could then arrange
an appointment and see if there could be some definite
proposition made so that you would have something to
work on.

Hoping this arrangement will be satisfactory
to you, and with best regards,

Yours very truly,


Vice President.

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President's Office

Victoria College
Toronto, Canada

November 19, 1924.

Mr. J. J. Vaughan,
Private Offices,
The T. Eaton Company,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Pursuant to our conversation, I had a long interview with Sir Robert Falconer, and Sir Robert laid the matter before the Board of Governors of the University stating that a somewhat indefinite proposition had been brought to him the purport of which was the establishment in the University of a department of Public Speech. The proposition involved a building to be named the Margaret Eaton School of Expression.

Sir Robert reports to me that the Board received the proposition with considerable favor, and asked him to appoint a committee to further deal with the matter, and he has asked me to secure if possible something more definite. He recognizes, as I do, the necessity of laying before his committee something much more definite than anything we have yet arrived at.

I am at your service for further conversation or to receive any proposition which you may care to make in the premises. As I leave the city Thursday night



-2- Mr. J. J. Vaughan, Nov. 19/24.

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the earliest time at which I could take the matter
up with you would be Tuesday of next week, and I
would be very glad if you and Harry McGee would come up
and have lunch with me at Burwash Hall on Tuesday. *at 1. Pm,*

Very sincerely yours,

L. P. Bowles,

President.

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EXTRACT FROM MR. VAUGHAN'S LETTER TO MR. R.Y.E. DATED NOV. 27/24.

"Mrs. Burnside was in to see Mr. McGee on Saturday and said that Mrs. Nasmith has been saying that Mrs. Eaton is not the same to her. I believe she makes out that the handing over to her of the key of the School at the time it was opened represented the handing over of the building and is quite surprised that her share in the Company does not represent an interest in the property. In fact Mr. McGee says that the Directors are accused of stealing the property from her (these may not be the exact words that Mrs. Nasmith used).

Lady Eaton asked the position of affairs with regard to the School and I explained the situation fully and told her that negotiations were under way with the University with the idea principally of perpetuating the School and the name. Lady Eaton said that Mrs. Nasmith had spoken to her about the time she had spent on the School in bringing it up from a small enrolment to where it is now, and that now she had nothing. I told Lady Eaton that if Mrs. Nasmith would like to take over the School, i.e. the staff and students as they stand and continue to carry on, this might be arranged. I said the name of the School would probably have to be dropped at the end of the current year. I had already told Lady Eaton that a subscription of \$100,000 might be forthcoming in the event of coming to terms with the University and she asked if the same would be paid to Mrs. Nasmith for the School in the event of her going ahead. It was explained that the situation was entirely different. The university was governed by a body of prominent men, and that the School under the University would be conducted in the best way possible, also that there would be continuity. In the case of Mrs. Nasmith taking over the School it would have to depend entirely on her own ability to manage - that we did not know how long her health would permit her to continue and that continuity was an unknown factor. And therefore I did not think the subscription would be granted. "



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